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STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Joe Madej, a freshman in radio and television from Downers Grove, laughs at a comment from one of his three friends around 2 a.m. Thursday morning in front of Lingle Hall. Madej and his friends were four of the first 10 people who decided to camp out all night waiting in line for tickets to Saturday's SIU v. Creighton game. The original 10 divided themselves into groups dictated by which men's Saluki was most important to them. Madej and his friends were residents of Warrenville, mostly because of their love of Saluki Josh Warren's jump shot.

Early risers take them all

Latecomers much ado without tickets for Saluki game against Creighton

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Without a ticket for the SIU/Creighton basketball game Saturday?

Fear not. There are many options for fans

who want to enjoy the game in a public setting but could not camp outside the SIU Arena Wednesday night to get tickets.

Cheering, hollering and enjoying the game with friends can all be done at many locations throughout Carbondale as the Salukis lay it all on the line Saturday night in the first-place showdown against their biggest rival.

Bars and restaurants heard about the ticket shortage weeks ago when non-student seats

sold out, and many assumed the same frenzy for tickets would happen when student tickets were made available Thursday morning, so owners acted accordingly.

Diehard Saluki fans prove their dedication.
See Currents, pages 10 & 11.

"We anticipated this as a problem," said James Karayiannis, owner of Pinch Penny Pub, 700 E. Grand Ave. "We quickly realized that Pinch Penny is already too busy during televised games, so we are opening

See TICKETS, page 12

Sold-out game may lead to scalping

Creighton game controversy causes ticket policy review

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

Ticket disbursements that sent hundreds of students home empty-handed could lead to illegal means of acquiring tickets to the sold-out game.

Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he hopes ticket scalping is not a problem Saturday, but said anytime there is a sellout situation for any game there's bound to be scalping.

"We're going to keep our eyes on it much more closely," Kowalczyk said.

Twenty percent of the arena was set aside for student tickets. Those 2,000 seats were sold out in 35 minutes.

Kowalczyk said the number of tickets set aside was based on student attendance and that has not topped 20 percent all year.

"Obviously we would like to give tickets out for everybody," Kowalczyk said.

He said the Athletic Department even contemplated selling standing-room only tickets, but the idea was shot down by the fire chief.

Carbondale Fire Chief Jeff Anderson said the decision was based solely on safety. In accordance with the design of the SIU Arena, Anderson said the exits allow for a capacity of 12,000. But there is only seating for 9,750.

See SCALPING, page 8

SIUC police union ready for arbitration

Cost of living, national averages show different pay perspectives

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

The Fraternal Order of Police union and University Administration are preparing to go to arbitration March 21 over terms of a contract that expired about 20 months ago.

The Fraternal Order of Police says SIUC officers are underpaid compared to other universities in the state and under its allotted staff. The union is also requesting pay increase incentives for education and an officer's fifth, seventh and ninth years on the force.

The matter will go to an arbitrator after being pushed back in November at the request of administration to allow time for negotiations with the faculty union, which have since been settled.

Bill Mehrtens, field representative

for the Fraternal Order of Police, said the union is requesting higher pay to be comparable to peer institutions, more officers to meet budget allocations and establishment of a minimum of three officers and one dispatcher on duty at all times.

The University budget calls for 44 sworn officers, but there are only 37

on staff. Mehrtens said this has led to chronic problems with overtime and fatigue for the last three years. He said the union has been ready to go to arbitration since November.

"We're prepared," Mehrtens said. "Our case is ready to go."

Mehrtens said the FOP looked at finances of the University, pay of other police agencies and history of negotiations. He said police at the Edwardsville campus are generally performing the same tasks as Carbondale officers at very different pay, despite more violent crime in Carbondale.

"You cannot justify paying officers here less than in Edwardsville, especially given the activity here,"

Mehrtens said.

Mehrtens said the crime index, which counts homicide, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and battery, burglary and arson, was almost twice as high at Carbondale and the violent crime rate was about three times as high.

Figures from the two universities show only four fewer sworn officers at SIUC-Edwardsville, despite having more than one third fewer students. Mehrtens said SIUC has a larger portion of commuter students compared to residents on campus at SIUC.

Mehrtens said the arbitrator is not able to force the University to add more staff members because of an inability to legally enforce it.

Mehrtens said the FOP is asking for educational incentives for officers comparable to those offered at SIUE. He said officers at the Edwardsville campus receive hourly raises of 50 cents for bachelor's degrees and 25 cents for associate's degrees or emergency medical technician training.

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— Bill Mehrtens
field representative,
Fraternal Order of Police

The last offer from the FOP was for a 7-percent increase in pay across the board for officers and 5-percent increases in the second and third years. Mehrtens said the University is behind peer institutions, especially SIUE.

Officers at SIUC start at about \$34,500, nearly \$4,500 less than the starting pay at SIUE. After five years of service, SIUC officers earn about \$6,400 less than SIUE officers.

Officers at University of Illinois, Northern Illinois University and Western Illinois University earn between \$500 and \$7,100 more starting pay than SIUC officers.

Eastern Illinois University officers earn about \$1,000 less at start, but along with other universities, they make more at the five-year mark.

The officers are paid less than many other university officers in the state, but cost of living considerations may bring the numbers closer together.

According to a cost of living calculator by the National Association of Realtors, the difference in salary compared to the cost of living makes

Relatively Speaking

The top line in each graph shows the actual salaries of university police after five years of service. The bottom line shows salaries adjusted by cost of living as compared to Carbondale. The cost of living is significantly lower in Carbondale than in other college towns.

2003 salaries (after five years)

SIU - CARBONDALE

Actual salary: \$32,312

Adjusted salary: \$32,312

SIU - EDWARDSVILLE

Actual salary: \$45,689

Adjusted salary: \$44,681

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Actual salary: \$43,680

Adjusted salary: \$36,405

U of I - URBANA / CHAMPAIGN

Actual salary: \$46,057

Adjusted salary: \$43,640

Legend: ☐ Actual salary

☒ Salary in Carbondale dollars (salary with cost of living relative to Carbondale)

DAVID MESSERMAA & RANDY WILLIAMS

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NATIONAL NEWS

Graham files papers for a presidential committee

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. Bob Graham of Florida took a major step toward a likely run for the White House on Thursday, filing papers to begin raising money for a full-fledged campaign.

"I intend to be the Democratic nominee for president," Graham said in a statement. "I am the best prepared to lead and the most able to win."

The 66-year-old Graham, who is recovering from heart surgery on Jan. 31, will have to wait for a doctor's clearance before heading out on the campaign trail, aides said. Depending on his health, and his prospects in a crowded Democratic field, Graham will make a formal announcement on pursuing the party's nomination in early April.

The field of Democrats who have either formally announced their candidacy or formed a presidential committee now totals nine with Graham's entry. The lawmaker makes for a formidable candidate based on his 16 years in the Senate,

fund-raising ability and Florida background. The state, with 27 electoral votes, is crucial in any presidential run.

House passes ban on all human cloning

WASHINGTON — After a lengthy debate on science and human life, the House on Thursday passed a bill endorsed by President Bush that would ban human cloning and sentence violators to prison and fines as high as \$1 million.

In a 241-155 vote, lawmakers decided to ban all cloning even as some urged for an exception so researchers can continue to work toward cures for diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and diabetes.

The measure is expected to have an uphill battle in the Senate, where Republicans lack the 60 votes necessary to end debate and force a vote.

Lawmakers in the House maintained that all human cloning research must be banned because a cloned embryo is a human even before implantation in a womb.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Colombian rebels warn Americans may be killed in rescue attempt

BOGOTA, Colombia — Any attempt to use force to rescue three Americans held captive by Colombian rebels could end in their deaths, a rebel spokesman said.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, captured the Americans on Feb. 13 after their U.S. government plane went down in southern Colombia during an intelligence mission.

"The prisoners of war of the FARC do run the risk of dying as a consequence of a crossfire between members of our guerrilla organization and units of the state security forces, if they attempt to rescue the prisoners by force of arms," said Raul Reyes, a FARC spokesman.

Reyes' comments were delivered in writing to Noticias Uno, a TV news station in Bogota, which broadcast them late Wednesday.

Colombian soldiers, with information from U.S. military personnel, are searching the jungles and mountains of southern

Colombia for the three captives.

The Americans work for California Microwave Systems, a unit of Northrop Grumman that provides surveillance systems for the U.S. military, company spokesman Jack Martin said Wednesday.

A fourth American, who also worked for the company, and a Colombian soldier were shot and killed near the scene of the airplane crash.

California Microwave Systems, based in Maryland, specializes in airborne reconnaissance and surveillance systems and ground-based satellite communications systems, but U.S. officials have not divulged the specific mission the Americans were on when their plane went down.

The U.S. State Department has said the United States was not authorizing any negotiations and that military search-and-rescue operations were proceeding.

Washington has provided billions of dollars in aid to Colombia — the third-largest recipient of U.S. assistance after Israel and Egypt — in efforts to wipe out cocaine and heroin production and to help the Colombian government fight rebel groups.

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Five-day Forecast

Day	Forecast	Temp
Saturday	Mostly Cloudy	39/26
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	45/24
Monday	Partly Cloudy	47/30
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	43/31
Wednesday	Rain showers	37/25

Almanac

Average high: 49
 Average low: 28
 Thursday's precip: 0"
 Thursday's hi/low: 28/23

POLICE REPORTS

• Two black leather jackets and \$275 cash were reported stolen between 12:30 and 5:45 p.m. Wednesday from a residence in the 400 block of East Stoker Street. Police said two residents reported their rear door was forced open and the stolen items were taken from two bedrooms and a third was ransacked, but nothing from the third room was known to be missing. The total loss is estimated at \$575.

• A DVD and TV combination unit was reported stolen between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday from a residence in the 300 block of South Birch Lane. Police said a resident reported a bedroom window was broken to enter the home. Some evidence was collected and the loss is estimated at \$450.

CALENDAR

Friday

Japanese Table
 meeting (Sunivai Japan)
 Student Center, McDonald's
 6 p.m.

French Table
 weekly meeting
 Café Melange
 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

German Table
 weekly meeting
 Corner Diner
 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Carnival — the South American
 and Caribbean celebration
 For Fat Tuesday
 Corner Diner
 8 to 11 p.m.

CORRECTIONS

• In Tuesday's issue of the *Daily Egyptian*, the page 3 article, "Administrators unsure of future of two positions," needed clarification. The \$605,604.99 personnel budget of Glenn Poshard's office has \$454,612 that goes toward salaries. Remaining funds are for vacation and sick leave payouts and the civil service hourly workday reserve.

• In Thursday's issue of the *Daily Egyptian*, the front page article, "Life-long fight pays off," the second headline should have stated the Brown bag discusses Harner's struggle for equal rights.

• In Thursday's issue of the *Daily Egyptian*, the front page article, "SIU gr. 'state detained for allegations of terrorism'," should have stated a-Arian graduated from SIUC with a bachelor's degree in electrical sciences and systems engineering.

The *Daily Egyptian* regrets these errors.

Readers who spot an error should contact the *Daily Egyptian* accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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Snowfall equals setbacks

SIU's Physical Plant
plowing through extra
snow and money

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

This winter's heavy snowfall is melting away extra dollars from the Physical Plant's budget.

With this year's seasonal total rising to more than 30 inches, Carbondale and the surrounding region have been hit with the third highest snowfall of all the winters on record.

As a result, the overtime and chemicals used for snowfall have cost the Physical Plant an extra \$49,000, said Phil Gatton, the plant's director. Other departments, including University Housing, the Student Center, and Parking & Traffic have paid a combined figure of \$87,000 for removal, Gatton said.

Students often leave once classes are done, but that doesn't mean the workers leave. For the Student Center, which is open seven days a week, snow removal is crucial no matter when the inclement weather hits, said Ken Jaros, the center's associate director.

"It does have a negative effect on our budget," he said.

Typically, the Physical Plant maintains 250 tons of salt, an amount that is able to last the entire year. But this winter, trucks have dumped more than 500 tons on campus.

Gatton said he expects the figure to climb up to three times the normal amount by the winter's end. He said it's difficult to plan ahead for an entire winter without knowing what the outcome will be.

"What we try to do is deal with the budget," Gatton said. "We have what we have, and we hope to get by."

And the hours are changing for the snow removal workers too, who spend their summers taking care of grounds. About 30 to 35 laborers assist in the snow removal process, which can start at 3 a.m. or 4 a.m. if there is an overnight snowfall.

"Last year it was all done during normal working hours," Gatton said.

Gatton said his crew is dedicated and willing to brave the weather when necessary.

"There are pretty rough road conditions," Gatton said. "They take it personally."

The Physical Plant also looks at the campus activity schedule to see what activities are taking place.

"A large part of snow removal is taking a look at what's going on with the campus," Gatton said.

The workers have a list of priority buildings that includes Health Services, Anthony Hall, Woody Hall and Coker Hall.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said the walks of Anthony Hall are always cleared when he arrives to start work at about 6 a.m.

"They take a lot of pride in their work," he said.

Although the removal begins early, it's important for those on campus to remain cautious. Stan Patterson, a driver, said motorists should steer clear of the trucks as they plow. Recently, cars came dangerously close to his truck.

"You never know what the driver's going to do," he said. "Sometimes people in cars tend to try to get around you."

When snow falls, Gatton keeps in touch with Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration, about the possibility of closing campus. But that's something administrators try to avoid at all costs, Gatton said.

And the workers at the Physical Plant do more than just watch the television station when inclement weather is a possibility. The department has a link to Accuweather, a service that provides a detailed forecast that predicts the start and stop times of forecasts.

This is an enormous help when scheduling workers, Gatton said.

"It's as accurate as a weather forecast can be," he said. "Fortunately, it's been very accurate this year."

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Bill Pender clears sidewalks at the SIU Arena Wednesday in preparation for the basketball game. Because of the heavy snowfall this year, grounds maintenance has been extremely busy keeping sidewalks and roads clear of ice and snow.

LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Train derails in Johnson County, two injured in accident

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

Two were injured and thousands of gallons of diesel were spilled in a freight train derailment Wednesday night in rural Johnson County.

The impact occurred at 8:55 p.m. at a station near Belknap, which is about 10 miles south of Vienna. The engine and first 14 of 130 cars on a coal train collided with a string of eight parked railroad cars on a side track after railroad maintenance crews forgot to realign the

tracks with the main line. Two crew members on board were slightly injured in the impact and the crash ruptured a fuel tank on the train's engine, spilling about 4,000 gallons of diesel.

The injured men were taken to Massac Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released.

Steve Forsberg, a spokesman for Burlington North Santa Fe, said the accident was caused by a miscommunication between the foreman and crew when they were working with the cars and left the track switched to the side track on

which the cars were stopped.

He said both the foreman and crew each thought the other was going to realign a switch back to the main track, leaving oncoming trains on a collision course with the sitting cars.

Forsberg said crew members on the freight train saw the track was switched to the wrong side and applied the brakes, but were not able to slow down. He said all of the train cars remained upright and would be re-railed by a railroad wrecking crew from St. Louis. He said there was about 400 feet of track damaged and

was expected to be fixed and opened by 3 p.m. Thursday.

An environmental contractor was brought in to contain the leaking fuel, Forsberg said. He said all standing fuel will be siphoned away and soil and rock that has absorbed it will be removed and disposed of. He said cleanup and repair costs are not available at this time.

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Candidates come out to visit students

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

About 50 SIUC students were treated to a unique residence hall dining experience Thursday night. While they ate their free food, they could also register to vote. To top it off, they had the chance to meet both of Carbondale's mayoral candidates and a few City Council candidates.

Bailey Hall and the Residence Hall Association sponsored the event in the Last Resort Room, which is in the basement of Lentz Hall. Students got to eat as much fried chicken, chips, salsa and pretzels they wanted. When they were finished, they could register to vote.

City Council candidate Chris Wissmann and his wife, Jesslyn Jobe, were two of the volunteers giving their time to register students. Wissmann said he is trying his hardest to get as many people registered for the April 1 election by the registration deadline, which is Tuesday.

"There's only a few more days to do voter registration, so I will be trying to get as many people registered as humanly possible," Wissmann said. "The more people we can empower to vote, the better off we're all going to be. Putting people in power that change the community gives voters a certain investment in the community. I think that's missing a lot of times from SIU's campus."

Jobe also believes in students' ability to exercise their right to vote and appreciated students for coming out, even if they had other motives.

"Some people came out just for the free food, and that's okay," Jobe said. "But I think the people who've come up to the table to register really

intend to vote, and I hope that they will. It's really critical that people vote and feel empowered. A lot of people have fought really hard to get students the right to vote."

Mayoral candidate Margaret "Maggie" Flanagan shared her views on the upcoming election with students and reiterated how important their involvement is in Carbondale.

"What I want to share with students is that years of formative life are spent here," Flanagan said. "It's a positive thing for the city to have the input of generation after generation to keep us at the level of being a college town."

Flanagan told the crowd that student involvement in politics is needed in order to keep Carbondale young.

"We need student involvement to keep us young, keep us on the cutting edge, and keep us knowledgeable on what the world is wanting from you and how we can provide it," Flanagan said to the students. "We have a college town. I'm really glad that I live in a college town because it gives me an opportunity to keep young."

Mayoral candidate Brad Cole said that having the chance to speak to students is something he can't deny since Carbondale depends on them.

"Students are the mechanism that make this town run," Cole said. "I talk to them any time I can."

Cole told students in the crowd to take advantage of their right to vote.

"Students really should take an interest in voting," Cole said to the crowd. "If you don't vote, you give up your right to bitch and complain."

Cole suggested that students take an active interest in politics, even in areas other than voting.



City Council candidate Chris Wissmann and his wife Jesslyn Jobe of Carbondale register Brian Sher, also of Carbondale, to vote

"I'd like students to take an interest," Cole said in his speech. "If you don't want to get involved in government as a career or as a profession, that's okay. But if you are interested in helping people, it is a way to do that. You can get involved in local elections like this one and get a good feel for things. I encourage you to find a candidate you like, help him out and promote that cause because it will be a learning experience for you."

Both mayoral candidates said that creating jobs in Carbondale for future SIUC graduates is a must.

"My commitment is to make opportunities happen so you'll want to stay," Flanagan said to the students. "So you can have a good-paying job and a fine home."

"I want there to be other people like me who want to stay here and finish their careers," Cole said to the crowd. "Right now that's a little dif-

ficult. I see a lot of people who want to stay in Carbondale leave after they graduate because there are not enough job opportunities. We have to change that."

The event was informative for students and many were grateful that an opportunity to register to vote was available so close to their dorm rooms.

"I've always wanted to register to vote," sophomore Andrew Mullins said. "It's real quick and easy here. It's good because it'll help to cut down voter apathy. I've had opinions, but I've never voted. This makes it easy."

"I really appreciate the opportunity to register to vote and come down here and meet some candidates," senior Amanda Emmerich said. "I'm impressed."

Reporter Burke Wasson can be reached at bwasson@dailyegyptian.com

ON CAMPUS

Carnival presents food, costumed fun

"Carnival," a festival showcasing free food and extravagant costumes will take place today from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the lower level of Grinnell Hall. It is open to all students and there is no admission fee.

Students are asked to appear in costume. The best two costumes winning a prize.

This event is sponsored by the Hispanic Student Council, Latin American Student Association, French Club and the Black Togetherness Organization.

Intramural Volleyball league forming

A four-on-four volleyball league runs March 31 through May 2 from 5 to 10 p.m. Sundays through Tuesdays at Multipurpose courts one through three. People can sign up at the Student Recreation Center Information Desk Monday through March 24.

There will be a captain's meeting at 7 p.m. March 24 in the Student Recreation Center Alumni Lounge with an official's meeting at 7:30 p.m. All tasters need to be filled out completely at the captain's meeting.

For more information, call 453-1273.

Barry Manilow's Copacabana Sunday at Shryock Auditorium

Barry Manilow's Copacabana will play at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Shryock Auditorium. This musical is a "captivating" tale of love and romance set in the nightclub scene of the 1940s.

The show features songs, "Changing My Tune," "Sweet Heaven," and "Copacabana."

Tickets are \$26 with a \$6 discount for children 15 and younger. The box office is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Barry Manilow does not perform in the show.

CARBONDALE

Free Automotive clinic

The SIUC Automotive Technology Organization will be looking over community cars for free from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Murdale True Value Parking Lot on Rt. 13.

The group can perform free basic maintenance on vehicles and can give recommendations for more complicated problems.

The diagnosis is completely free to both student and community members.

For more information, contact Tereza Roney at 985-8362.

'Gigantic' screens at Student Center

The 25th Annual Big Muddy Film Festival continues today with four screenings. Competition showcase 6 will be at 3 p.m. at the Student Center. Cost is \$2. Competition showcase 7 will be at 5 p.m. at Gallery HQ, 213 W. Main St. Cost is \$2.

Judges Presentation with Joe Berlinger will be at 7 p.m. in the Student Center. Admission is free. "Gigantic: A Tale of Two Johns" will be at 9:30 p.m. at the Student Center. Admission is \$4.

For more information, visit the website at www.bigmuddyfilm.com.

REGIONAL

Instructor speaks at genealogy meeting

Donald Duncan will be the speaker at the Genealogy Society of southern Illinois meeting at 2:30 p.m. March 9 at John A. Logan College, 700 Logan College Road in Carverville.

He will discuss capabilities and use of Family Tree Maker version 10. For more than 10 years, Family Tree Maker has been America's top-rated family tree program.

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For more information, contact Tullyne Oliver at 618-378-3176.

Tuition to increase 16 percent next year

Wendler kept promises for last year's tuition hike

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Nearly one year and 18 percent into a set of tuition hikes that Chancellor Walter Wendler proposed last year, students are bracing themselves for another 16 percent increase next fall.

The increase will send tuition and fees to above \$5,500 for the year.

Wendler lobbied last year for a 49 percent 4-year hike, including a 7-percent increase in fiscal year 2005 and a 9 percent in fiscal year 2006, with promises for increased quality of education, going so far as to dedicate \$3.5 million for fiscal year 2003 to undergraduate programs.

He also set aside \$1.2 million for graduate assistants and \$1 million for classroom upgrades.

"I did exactly what I said I would," Wendler said. "If my word was not good, then I couldn't lead this University."

"What I said is what I did."

But Wendler has not decided how to spend the extra \$650 each student will pay next year. Although he promised next year's tuition raise to salary increases, a base of student support and Southern at 150 initiatives, he has not developed a plan for delivery as he had for this year's increases. He has also yet to decide how much money to give to each program.

Until Gov. Rod Blagojevich gives his budget address in April, Wendler is uncomfortable planning next year's finances with the University's budget hanging in the balance. Right now, Wendler is uncertain how much the state will cut the University's budget or how much will be needed to com-

pensate fiscal losses.

"A year ago we did not know how bad our budget picture was going to be right now," Wendler said. "This is a record-breaking year in the worst way."

But Wendler still intends to make good on all promises he made while lobbying for the increase last year, even though the Faculty Association members were guaranteed 2-percent increases for the fiscal year 2004 under their new contract. Salary increases are supposed to be supported by the tuition increase during fiscal year 2004.

"They said they wouldn't accept the use of tuition money for increases," Wendler said. "But look at the budget, that the only place there's money to give."

Association spokesman James Kelly said the group had not wanted to students to pay for faculty raises. He said the union agreed with the Undergraduate Student Government in that the hike was too much too fast.

"We never said that the administration should raise tuition in order to raise faculty," said Kelly, an associate professor of journalism. "That's not what we wanted."

This year, Wendler's plan strayed only with the \$1.5 million that to be given to undergraduate workshops because time constraints prevented the delivery of the full amount to the program. Instead, funds were divided between assistantships and across-the-board 50-cent raises for campus workers.

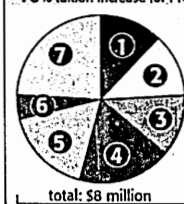
"We only had three nonfills - from May to August to get things up and running," Wendler said. "That's like the speed of light. You can't get anything done at a university in three months."

This year, \$1 million was given to undergraduate scholarships, more

2003 - '04 tuition allotments

The 16-percent tuition increase for FY04 was in place to maintain a base of student support, salary increases and quality initiatives

- 18% tuition increase for FY03
- 16% tuition increase for FY04



total: \$8 million

DAVID MEEHMAN - DAILY EGYPTIAN

than doubling its budget for a total of \$1.78 million for the year, according to Daniel Mann, director of the Financial Aid Office.

He said it allowed the University to award 450 additional scholarships, many of which are renewable, to incoming freshman and transfer students. Mann said that next year, if funding remains the same, 290 scholarships will be given to 240 freshmen and 50 transfer students.

Wendler said he would also like to see more money given to undergraduate scholarships next year, though it may not be possible.

"We just have to wait to see how things fall out, before we make any decisions," he said.

This year's tuition increase also funded \$1 million in need-based grants, a first in the University's history, bringing the total to \$3.5 million for SIUC undergraduate students.

"The students bear the brunt of the costs," Wendler said. "We wanted to be sure they would be first in line."

The Law School also received \$400,000 and \$1.4 million was given

to Illinois Board of Higher Education Initiatives.

Wendler said the first 3 percent of any tuition increase is given to IBHE to fund University initiatives. Though the administration can give suggestions, IBHE has the final say on how that money is spent.

The final \$1 million was used to cover expenses in the \$15 million budget hole left when Gov. George Ryan cut the University funds last year.

Wendler said he does not intend to ask for an additional increase to offset expenses, but if the budget is slashed greatly this year, he may have no other option.

"We had a four-year plan, and we're going to stick to it," Wendler said. "If the bottom falls out of this thing and they cut it by 20 to 30 percent, we may have to say to people, 'Look you can come to school here, but you've got to pay more money. Otherwise, we can't give you... classes.'"

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Nikki Deckert, a sophomore from Peoria, gets a bite to eat during Clean Air Night at Carboz. The nightclub offered free food, door prizes, back rubs and an oxygen bar for the event.

Smokers suck it up for one night

Jackie Keane
Daily Egyptian

"You don't have to quit, but you can," read the sign taped across the cigarette vending machine at Carboz nightclub Wednesday night.

Carboz, 760 E. Grand Ave., sponsored a new kind of event — a clean-air night sponsored by SIUC's Live Free Project, funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The clean air, palm trees, lounge chairs and beach balls made summer seem even closer. A tropical backdrop

with a red, yellow and orange sky surrounded by palm trees hung on one of the walls for group pictures.

Jen Costello, a sophomore in elementary education, is used to smoke-free atmospheres because the bars near her Arizona home do not allow smoking. But the many others who attended the first non-smoking event at a Carbondale bar were not so used to the idea.

"I think it is good, but a lot of people have to go out in the cold. It is good because there is no secondhand smoke," Costello said.

According to the American Lung

Association, secondhand smoke causes about 3,000 deaths a year from lung cancer and 35,000 deaths a year from heart disease, in addition to irritation of the eyes, nose and throat as well as other problems.

Sex on the Beach, Invigorating, Cloud Nine and Revitalize were the four smells participants could choose from the oxygen bar set up in the martini bar. Oxygen shots lasted for 10 minutes. SIUC alumna Kaci Gill was one of the many participants who took a shot of oxygen from the bar for a refreshing experience. Sex on the beach was her favorite smell. Though she did not notice much of a different feeling, she said it made her feel refreshed.

Gill went out to Carboz in support of her boss, who helped sponsor the event, though she thought the clean air was a good idea. Although she is a smoker, she thought it was fair for the non-smokers.

"I want to smoke, but people who don't smoke deserve a place to go," Gill said.

Several smokers kept their coats nearby for the nicotine craving that forced them outside into the cold. Though the clean-air night did not stop smoker Melissa Evans from making her way to the bar, she expressed that she would not be attracted to a non-smoking bar.


"It is nice to go home and not smell like smoke, but I would never go to a non-smoking bar," said Evans, an advertising student. "I feel bad because [non-smokers] only get this night."

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John Ramsay and Justin Smart, both SIUC students, enjoy a square at Pinch Penny Pub. While most bars are smokey, Clean Air Night at Carboz offered a smoke-free alternative.

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OUR WORD

Let's learn from basketball madness

Thursday saw a swarm of Saluki faithful converge on the SIU Arena for the student ticket giveaway. It was an amazing experience that one would only expect to find at a Duke or Kansas — fans camping out, some immediately following the Evansville victory. It's exhilarating to see fans of a mid-major basketball school so dedicated to their team.

As Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk put it Thursday morning as fans flooded in: "It displays the loyalty of our students to our team and our coaches."

"What more could you ask for?"

The Athletic Department deserves credit and applause for the way they handled the 7 a.m. rush. Doughnuts, bagels, coffee, juice and even cough drops for an aching throat greeted the sleepless diarchs.

But students didn't come for doughnuts and not all was well when 8:30 a.m. rolled around and the small crowd turned into a massive ticket feeding frenzy.

That's when it got ugly.

People cut in line, tempers flared. Shouts of "cutter" could be heard as impatience grew with each passing second. Some snatched up as many tickets as they could only to turn around and scalp them for \$20 each outside the doors — a practice that is not only illegal, but a slap in the face to a system that is designed to keep our admittance free.

The Athletic Department should learn from this and set up policies in the future for big games, such as a five-ticket limit and increased policing on the premises. Kowalczyk acknowledged Thursday that he would be looking into provisions for future games to ensure a more balanced ticket distribution system.

If you were lucky enough to get a ticket to Saturday's game remember this: There is a fine line between showing support for our team and

There is a fine line between showing support for our team and behaving in an unsportsman-like manner.

behaving in an unsportsman-like manner. There is nothing wrong with cheering and having fun but consider what you say and what you do. The men's basketball team has brought and continues to bring prestige to our University.

Let's keep it that way.

Regardless of the game's outcome, be respectful of our beautiful campus and city. If the Dawgs come out victorious, don't act like they've never won a game before. If they lose, take it in stride and remember the season is far from over. Good sportsmanship gives us respect and credit but more importantly shows others that we can handle ourselves in a civil manner.

Enjoy yourself at the game and if you don't have a ticket flip on the TV and cheer on our Dawgs.



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GUEST COLUMNIST

Smoking, sadly, is everyone's problem

Jen Giarrusso
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

PITTSBURGH (U-WIRE) — I have a way to release toxic chemicals into the air. I can take them with me everywhere, and wherever I go I can emit them into the environment with total disregard for whom they might affect. It may be you waiting for a bus, your children playing in the park, or your little sister riding her bike down the street. These chemicals are proven killers, but in most cases there are no laws to prevent me from dispersing them into the public.

We're not talking about terrorism. We're talking about tobacco.

Every day, every person who leaves the house is a victim. Environmental tobacco smoke, also known as second-hand smoke, is ubiquitous and unavoidable. It's killing you, and you have very little power to stop it.

How many times have you been walking to class or attempting to take a stroll when you were bombarded by someone else's smoke? Not only is it annoying, it's deadly. ETS is carcinogenic and causes heart disease. The Center for Disease Control states approximately 40,000 deaths each year can be attributed to ETS. In children, it causes middle-ear infections and respiratory afflictions, including irritating and worsening asthma.

Laws have been enacted in recent decades to aid the "clean air" cause. Smoking is now prohibited on the grounds of public schools, and is completely banned or at least restricted in many restaurants, on airplanes and inside public buildings. However, there are few laws protecting the publicly owned outdoor areas that we frequent every day. Smoking should be banned in these areas to promote the well being of all citizens, smokers or not, who have the right to occupy them.

I'm not the only one who thinks second-hand smoke is annoying. Nonsmokers are the majority, and should be able to work, play and live in public areas they have the right to use without being exposed to something that is displeasing and dangerous.

I realize smokers have rights as well, but I don't think those rights should include exposing others to something with deadly potential in a place where they can't avoid it. You have a right to make decisions that can harm you, but not others.

Cigarette smoke is present in places that are not frequented by choice, or out of necessity. No matter where you turn, there is usually someone around you smoking. Even if you choose an alternate walking route or place to stand, you will probably encounter a smoker. Every time you enter or leave a building, you pass groups of them. You can't and shouldn't have to avoid the smoke.

I'm not advocating banning smoking altogether. Designated areas where smoking is allowed that are out of the way of normal pedestrian traffic would solve the problem. Like the smoking and nonsmoking seating areas in restaurants, at least with separation you can choose to be exposed to second-hand smoke. It may not be much, but any action would be a step in the right direction. It may be inconvenient to have to relocate just to smoke a cigarette, but lung cancer is kind of inconvenient to the rest of us.

I wish I could tell people not to smoke at all — it would be better for everyone in the long run — but I can't do that. All I'm hoping for is something that will allow them to make the decision to harm themselves without harming others as well.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Brothers are now conquering sports normally dominated by rich white people. We could take over polo too, if they'd let a brother put a horse on layaway."

Chris Rock
comedian

WORDS OVERHEARD

"It's pretty bad when we have as many people as we do in this town and only 1,700 show up and vote."

Matt Woods
four-year Carbondale City Council candidate

COLUMNISTS

Trials of fat America

I have never been a fat person. When I was young I had a nice speedy metabolism, and when I hit puberty I developed a nice run-of-the-mill eating disorder. After three children and a lot of mental health, I have discovered that my pants no longer fit well, and that the numbers on the scale get higher and higher. I finally broke down and joined Weight Watchers. Since then I have been counting points and losing pounds, and I do recommend it to anyone having trouble losing weight.

Why do I care? Well, certainly a great deal of it is health; I have diabetes in my family. But most of it is the picture I saw in *People* magazine not too long ago of an extremely overweight couple standing by their car pointing out that the seatbelts did not fit them. The article went on to describe their plight, and their crusade for longer seat belts for the safety of fat people the world over. Of course the letters came pouring in. The next issue people wrote to say that they were very upset at the idea

The only way to keep our distance is to avoid being fat, and to make sure the fat people are 'them.'

that 'they' would be paying for the choices that the fat couple had made. Longer seat belts would make the cars more expensive, and if the jolly pair had just eaten less then we would all be a whole lot happier. Cars, in general, come with a great deal of stuff that not everyone needs. People without children still have back seats, tall people still have the ability to shorten the seat by adjusting it, and I know I never use the AM setting on my stereo. Not every car is custom made, but there had to be a point at which people could justify their anger at fat people. I'm sure that the couple was not at all surprised by the reaction — it's probably something they have dealt with their whole lives.



Feckless Pondering

BY ABIGAIL WHEETLEY
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Nobody likes fat people, especially not a nation known for being gluttons. The fat is more than unattractive — it reminds us that we have too much when others have nothing. It permeates the stereotype of the over-fed American. The fat of our country is embarrassing and we don't like to be reminded of how much we have. The poor of our country can feed themselves into heart attacks, and the emaciated people in third world countries watch in horror, and underneath we know that they're right. The only way to keep our distance is to avoid being fat, and to make sure that the fat people are 'them' and that they are bad and ill behaved, certainly not what we consider representative of what America stands for. Uncle Sam and the Statue of Liberty are very trim and svelte. Clinton may have been overweight, but he made sure that we saw him jogging as much as possible. We may have too much, but we don't like to wear it in public.

Now that I've spent more than \$100 to join Weight Watchers, I will now be going to the Rec center to enjoy one of the perks of a college education, and eventually treat myself to smaller clothes, so that I can feel like I don't have too much; not like those greedy fat people.

Feckless Pondering appears every other Friday. Abigail is a sophomore in English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Is ignorance bliss?

Heather Cutchin
Technician (North Carolina State U.)

— RALEIGH, N.C. (U-WIRE)
— If the end of the world was to come, would you want to know? Or would you want to just live the rest of what time you have left like you normally do, without the hysteria?

Most people take a few minutes to think about this very intense subject before making a decision. It is difficult to decide whether or not you want to spend your last few days with your family, letting them know you love them and getting your spiritual life in order, or if you want to fulfill all of your wildest dreams. Personally, if I knew the end of the world was near, I would be heading to Australia on the first available boat, plane, bird or any other form of transportation that would get me there.

At a recent symposium during a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, graduate student Geoffrey Sommer made the following statement: "When a problem arises with high uncertainty, there is an opportunity to spin the problem to avoid global panic. If you can't do anything about a warning, then there is no point in issuing a warning at all. If an extinction-type impact is inevitable, then ignorance for the populace is bliss." This statement has shocked many, but according to Sommer, it has been greatly mistaken.

Sommer's point is that most people would like to simply live the last days of their lives without the panic and mass hysteria that would follow a warning from officials about an asteroid hitting earth and causing extinction. Some people would like to know how many days they have left, to get that last little bit of time with family and loved ones. Others want to "get right with God" or any other deity they choose. Then there are those who

want to just have as much fun as humanly possible those last couple of days or weeks. If the public does think of a predicted end as truth, I would be most afraid of the people that simply do not know what to do. They would just run around screaming like in bad movies.

Famous scientist Sir Isaac Newton spent many years of his life studying the Bible and trying to determine when the end of the world would draw near. According to his calculations, the apocalypse is just 57 years away. This means the end of the world will fall around when most of you reading this will be between the ages of 76 and 85. Your children will have had children, and they will have had children. When the end is on us, would you want to know about it or simply die in complete ignorance?

Personally, I do not think that anyone can make any sort of prediction about the end of the world and the time that it will occur. There are too many discrepancies in the Bible to even try to make a guess as to how and when we will cease to exist. Newton spent 50 years of his life trying to decipher the Bible and did not succeed. Many before him and many after have tried to predict the end of time, and so far, all have failed. I do not think it is possible to predict something of such magnitude.

Therefore, I agree with Sommer's view that ignorance is indeed bliss. When something of such high uncertainty is announced to the world, the panic that ensues is unneeded. It would be better to not have that kind of information released to the public so that people could go on with their lives, even if they would end soon, as they very well pleased, without the madness that such news would be likely to cause.

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LETTERS

Dawg v. dog behavior

DEAR EDITOR:

To the Dawg Round:
On behalf of the Athletic Department, I want to thank you for your support at the men's basketball games this season. Your spirit has been outstanding. There is, however, a disturbing trend I want to address that brings neither recognition nor pride to Southern Illinois University.

This season, you have borrowed a well-worn practice of holding newspapers and yelling "you suck" after each opponent's name has been announced. Frankly, this is just obnoxious and lacks originality and is not how the Salukis, Coach Weber and his staff or the Athletic Department wishes to be represented. Chants of "bulls!" are equally tasteless, reminiscent more of high school than a Division I-A basketball program. Even the Cameron Crazies don't resort to these verbal antics.

After watching a tape of Saturday's Bracket Buster game, I was embarrassed for SIUC and for our student fans whose profanity could be heard over the air — to a national audience no less — let alone to the ears of many children in the arena crowd. Instead of taking advantage of the rare occasion to showcase our school and team to the nation, we reverted to boorish behavior and scatological slogans. I'm sorry, but it was terribly disappointing. We are letter men that. Many of our fans who called the Athletic Department express their displeasure feel the same.

You have the energy, intelligence and wit to come up with cheers that are purely SIUC, so do it. We do not want your enthusiasm dampened but rather channeled in a more positive manner. As we face Creighton tomorrow, we in the Athletic Department want you to cheer passionately, vigorously and more loudly — if that's even possible. But, we also want

you to do it with class and with good sportsmanship — something your school and team deserve. Go Salukis! And again, thank you for your loyal support.

*With Saluki Pride,
Paul Kowalczyk
Director of Athletics*

Student responds to chancellor's letter

DEAR EDITOR:

Wake Up Wendler!

I am a student athlete for Southern Illinois University and I was sickened when reading Chancellor Walter Wendler's theory about how students should act during the Saluki basketball games. Being the Under Dawgs trying to get into the tournament to prove that we are more than just a mid-major school, the team needs all the support that it can get. Hissing at the refs? What are we snakes?

No, we are Dawgs. We need that killer instinct to strike down against any opposition to the Salukis. We are not in kindergarten anymore Mr. Wendler. I mean no disrespect to you, but you need to be behind your students. We aren't out there to hurt the team or the school; we are merely trying to help our team by distracting, throwing off, and most of all pissing off the Kyle Kurvers that may threaten SIU when trying to get into the tournament. So sit back and let the students be students.

Remember back to the day when you were in college getting drunk and partying. A little hazing of the opposing team is just a part of school

spirit for college kids. GO SALUKIS KICK CREIGHTON'S BUTT!

*Fredrick Harrison Rule
recreation major*

Basketball ticket policy unfair to students

DEAR EDITOR:

I am not accustomed to writing an article of this sort, but I feel the students in this case have the right to a ticket anytime they can get to the arena. They paid for this ticket in their activity fees, thus enabling them to obtain a ticket whenever. I realize that the staff at the arena has hours whereas the students have classes to attend and it appears that some of the professors on campus don't allow skipping classes. I tried not to skip class when I was here, but once or twice it was necessary — as I think this game is necessary. Thus, I feel that the students shouldn't have to camp out to get a ticket, especially in this weather.

This week, for the Creighton game, the public already has had their tickets for weeks now. I agree with the DAILY EGYPTIAN that the Creighton game is of high magnitude and should be treated as such. How then can we show Creighton that we have the student fans to give the team the full support it needs to win if the ticket office is going to limit the students to a certain pick-up time and some professors who can't forgo students some class time to get a ticket? Who knows, maybe some students might return to class once they get their ticket!

I closing, I would like to give my support to the students who are trying to get tickets and to the basketball team. They are relying on the student fans for

both their moral and vocal support during the game.

*Bob Reid
Carbondale resident*

Respect and bid farewell to students in the military

DEAR EDITOR:

Each day we learn of additional students of ours who have been activated for military duty. They join the ever-growing number of students who seem to have slipped away from SIUC with little fanfare. We fear that the vigorous debate over possible war with Iraq, has drowned out the voices of support for our students who are in the Guard and Reserves or on active duty. We are greatly concerned that part of our student body is departing to face isolation, separation, anxiety, and perhaps injury or even death, without so much as a farewell.

One's views about American policy toward Iraq should not affect the level of respect and concern for these students, who are willing to take risks in performing what they perceive to be their duty. In fact, the authors of this letter do not agree with each other's views on our government's policy. However, we do agree that members of the University community should offer whatever support they can to the students who are being called upon to serve. To those students, we offer our understanding, our concern, our assistance and our fervent hope for a quick and safe return.

*David C. Hurley,
assistant professor
James Garfalo
professor, administration of justice*

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Student's death ruled undetermined

Jury uncertain of how chemical overdose happened

Moustafa Ayad
Daily Egyptian

After eight months and 40 minutes of deliberation, a jury returned a verdict of undetermined circumstances in the coroner's inquest for the death of a former SIUC student.

Pieter Brandhorst, 23, senior in plant biology was found dead, July 7, 2002, in his dorm room at Abbott Hall.

Deputy Coroner Howard R. told jury that he found Brandhorst face down on the floor with no signs of visible life. He was declared dead at 11:50 a.m.

His mother, Mary-Anne Brandhorst, said she was concerned after not hearing from him for the duration of the Independence Day holiday. She called SIUC Police later that weekend.

The first autopsy produced no evidence of outward physical violence and similarly no signs of disease

or disarrangement of the internal organs.

But evidence collected from the scene included a soft drink bottle and a bottle of orange juice. A high volume of the drug chloral hydrate was in the soft drink bottle, Jackson County Coroner Thomas Kupferer said.

Toxic quantities of chloral hydrate were found in the student's blood and urine, Kupferer said. The cause of death was then changed to chloral hydrate toxicity, and the drug was found in overdose amounts in Brandhorst's system.

Chloral hydrate is a solution that usually comes in crystal form and turns to a liquid-like brown substance once it is mixed with water. Kupferer said, the drug is rarely prescribed and when it is, usually in small quantities as a sedative.

State investigators said there appeared to be no foul play involved in the room and no forced entry.

Upon arrival at the room, officials attempted to open the door with the master key. The door was apparently unable to function and the key would not turn. Cpl. John Alan, a detective at the SIUC Police Department, said officials had to call a locksmith to

open the door. The room door and the adjoining bathroom door had been locked from the inside, he said.

A locksmith told Alan that the doors in the residence halls make the keys stick in the locks when locked from the inside. Officers entered the room to find Brandhorst face down with the soft-drink bottle in his hand and the orange juice at the foot of his bed.

Brandhorst's assistantship allowed access to master keys to all labs.

The lab Brandhorst worked in did not have Chloral hydrate but according to Alan he could have been summoned to get the solution from another lab. Alan said he was uncertain how the solution could have gotten into the bottle.

Brandhorst's mother was the last to testify in front of the jury. She said that her son had been diagnosed with a learning disorder when he was 3 years old, and that since then she had been in constant contact with him.

"My son and I were intertwined; we talked everyday," she said. "He did not cause his own death."

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SCALPING

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according to Kowalczyk.

Anderson said the large capacity accounted for stage events when people are utilizing the floor space for seating, but it is a different story for a basketball game.

He said selling standing-room only tickets would maybe get an additional 150 in the door, but people would be standing in the exit pathways and blocking exits. As the latest nightclub tragedies have proven, people do not always exit in an orderly fashion he

said, and the safety risk was just too high to permit the extra individuals.

In the future, the Athletic Department plans to review its ticket policies. The current policy allows one student to obtain up to 20 tickets by showing 20 student IDs.

"We hope to have this situation more regularly, but we need to refine it," he said. "The people who abuse the ticket system should be the ones who people are upset with, certainly not the Athletic Department."

SIUC Police Lt. Todd Sigler said the department does not have any special plans in the works to fight ticket scalping. He said the regular basketball

detail will be on hand.

No person will be admitted to the game with a student ticket without a student ID.

In general, Kowalczyk does not expect any serious mishaps Saturday. He referred back to the Indiana game, which also drew a sold-out crowd.

"Fans came and had a great turnout and went home happy. I expect that to follow suit Saturday," Kowalczyk said.

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TICKETS

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up Copper Dragon as we did years ago for the Super Bowl and Chicago Bulls games when they were making a run in the finals.

Every other bar in Carbondale said they anticipate large crowds showing up to watch the game, which starts at 8:05 p.m. Saturday. They all will also have more people on hand to serve food or drinks to the crazed Saluki fans.

James Soldner, an undeclared graduate student, is one of those fans who waited an hour and a half in-line to get a student ticket, but walked away dejected.

"I'm going to watch the game at Copper. It's the next closest thing to watching the game in the Arena," he said. "I'm disappointed, but oh well, I tried."

Most bars will have numerous televisions showing the game and no cover charge to get in. Those who don't have a number of televisions, make up for it by using big screen or projection televisions to show the game.

Karyiannis said: Pinch would have both, along with drink specials, prizes and giveaways such as tickets to the Missouri Valley Conference Basketball Tournament and a hotel stay for every night SIU plays a game.

Paul Stokes, owner of The Cellar, 101 W. Monroe St., said 14 televisions will be showing the game, but the volume will probably be turned

off in lieu of listening to game commentator Mike Reiss on the radio.

Sidetracks Bar and Grill, 101 W. College St., will offer 25-cent chicken wings during the game and top it off with seven televisions and usual drink specials.

Tres Hombrs Mexican Restaurant and Lounge, 119 N. Washington St., will have at least two televisions showing the game, so people can sit at a table for dinner and enjoy drink specials.

Mugsy McGuire's Bar and Grill has two big screen TVs and many smaller ones throughout the bar area, along with drink specials.

Big Boy's Qn, 104 W. Jackson St., has a big screen TV along with a projection TV that covers the wall in the dining-room area. The owner said there will be drink specials and many giveaways such as mugs, shirts and hats to keep crowds happy.

Sally Carter, manager of Hanger 9, 501 S. Illinois Ave., said her bar will have many drink specials and a 9-foot television that people enjoyed during the football season, but she's not sure how many people will be coming out to watch the game yet.

"It's on TV, so a person can go watch it in their living room," she said. "Even though it's more fun to watch it around your friends."

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Gus Bode



Gus says:
I'm pissed that I didn't get a ticket.

POLICE

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the starting pay closer, but five-year comparisons still show larger differences.

University of Illinois officers make about 7.5 percent more in their first year, but factoring in the cost of living in Champaign makes the annual salary equivalent to about 0.3 percent less than SIUC officers. The U of I officers do, however, make 17 percent more than SIUC officers after five years, or 8.5 percent when the cost of living is considered.

Mehrtens said the cost of living was taken into consideration in negotiations but is not as relevant to SIUC Police as city police because the Consumer Price Index does not show a considerable difference for officers living in Edwardsville, especially those who live outside the city and commute to work. He said the average pay for universities in Illinois, even without schools in metropolitan areas, is higher than those at SIUC.

Cheryl Johnson, supervisor of administrative services for the University of Illinois, said she thinks the officers' pay in her department is comparable to those at other universities.

Sgt. Bob Baxter, of Western Illinois University's police, one of SIUC's closest peer in pay, said the department is in the middle on salary, but has been on a pay raise freeze for the last year.

Given the cost of living, SIUC officers

still start at about 11 percent less than those at the Edwardsville campus, compared to 13.5 percent before the consideration. That difference is still nearly 14 percent after five years of service when the cost of living is calculated.

SIUE Police Lt. Charles Thompson said the department's pay is comparable for the area, but is on the lower end of the scale when compared to Edwardsville and Collinsville city police. The university's contract is effective until July 2005.

The cost of living consideration shows first-year SIUC officers make about 1 percent less than those at Northern, whose officers start at the highest pay, but make about 7 percent more than NIU officers after five years.

According to a Department of Justice study released in January, the starting pay in 2000 for police departments nationwide was between \$21,000 in the smallest districts to \$34,000 in the largest. SIUC officers start at more than the \$34,276 per year average for districts that cover a population of 50,000 to 250,000 people. The average for a district of between 10,000 and 50,000 residents is about \$3,900 less than SIUC officers are paid.

Carbondale Police officers' starting pay is about \$32,500 and the national average for entry-level patrol officers in 2000 was \$25,500.

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Sophomore Nick Matthews from Ottawa and Dino Zambatis (back) from Des Plaines grill hamburgers early Thursday morning determined to be unmoved from their place in line to secure tickets to the SIU v. Creighton game. About 50 students camped out Wednesday night in front of the Arena ticket office.

A special breed of Saluki fans spent more than nine hours in the cold to ensure a spot in the Dawg Pound for Saturday's highly anticipated game against Kyle Korver and the Creighton Bluejays. These diehard Dawg fans understand what it takes to win ...

Dedication



MOLLY PARKER - DAILY EGYPTIAN
Genae' Welch (right), a freshman from Dallas, who was celebrating her 19th birthday Thursday led the line of students hoping to get Creighton tickets. She was followed by her friend Amanda Bauch, a freshman from Versailles and Courtney Allensworth, a junior from Camp Point. They were in line immediately following SIU's win against Evansville Wednesday.

story by MICHAEL BRENNER

David Carney had just dribbled out the clock to seal Wednesday's victory over Evansville and the Dawg Pound began to clear.

Genae' Welch, an undecided freshman, jumped the top rail to the Dawg Pound and ran straight to the Lingle Hall ticket office in hopes of being the first in line to secure one of 2,000 student tickets for the Saturday's SIU-Creighton game. Her best friend, Amanda Bauch, joined her.

But the two encountered a slight setback — they were 12 hours too early.

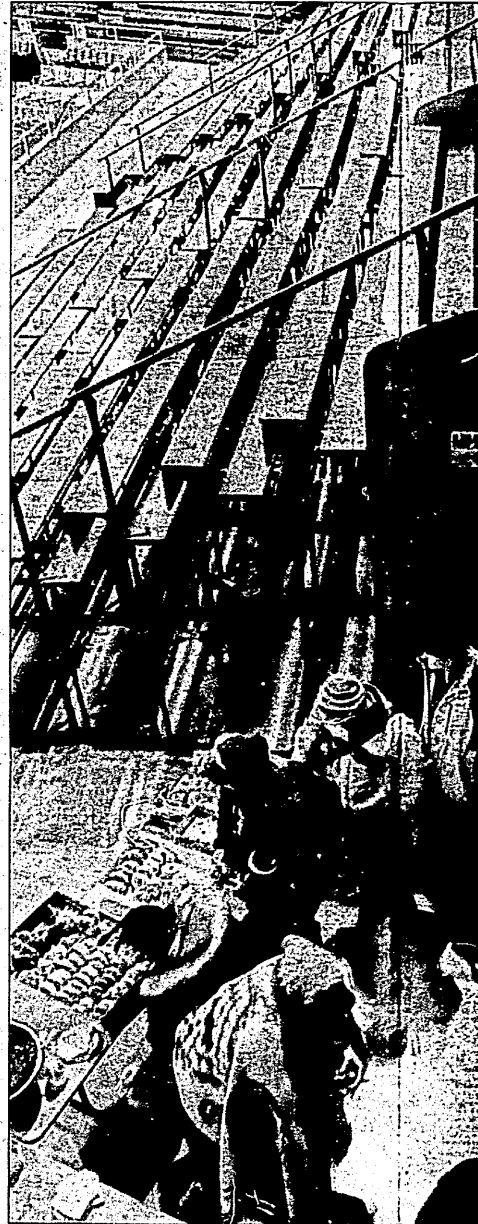
Welch and Bauch were immediately ejected from the ticket office and sent into the 25-degree weather outside.

So they stayed there.

For more than nine hours.

Many inside the SIU Arena thought they were crazy.

One member of the Athletic Department said after Wednesday's game he could not understand why people would brave the frigid temperatures.



For those who braved the freezing temperatures throughout doughnuts provided by the Athletic Department were a welcoming to allow those waiting outside to warm-up and eat the food.

which dipped as low as 25 degrees, for general admission tickets, that for students are free.

He found out Thursday morning.

By the time the ticket office began to give away student tickets at 9:40 a.m., about 500 people were lined up inside Lingle Hall and the Arena.

The line began at the ticket office and wrapped around three-quarters of the outer concourse of the Arena.

Because students were allowed to pick up as many tickets as student IDs, some picked up the maximum of 20 and most picked up at least five to eight tickets. The tickets were gone in about 35 minutes and hundreds were left standing in the Arena empty-handed.

Amanda Young, a graduate student, was one of them, and she was inconsolable.

"I may cry," Young said with a shocked expression on her face. "I've only missed two home games."

Beth Isaacson, a sophomore in marketing, picked up the last 10 Dawg Pound tickets and scampers out of the ticket office as quickly as possible. She feared for her safety.

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temperatures throughout the night, hot coffee, punch and ment were a welcoming sight. The SIU Arena opened at 7 a.m. and eat the food.

everyone" mobbed me," Isaacson said, cutting the interview short to make a quick getaway.

Isaacson had approached the window with 12 IDs and came up two short, so now she has the daunting task of deciding which two people to exclude from SIU's biggest and most hyped game of the year.

But Welch, Bauch and the rest of the dichards had no such problems, and neither did any of the other 53 people who stayed the majority of the night on the sidewalk.

But it was a long night.

"This is easily about the stupidest damn thing I have ever done," said Chris Todd, a junior in history and elected leader of the group at the beginning of the night.

The hardest of the hard core began to pitch their mini-metropolis at 10 p.m. At the time, it was rather primitive. They had two tents, but only one was standing. The other would be devoid of a skeleton for a few hours.

The tents did little to stop the cold; all were dressed for the occasion. The group coped with the temperature with sock caps, wool or double socks and several layers of clothes.



MOLLY PARKER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Arena opened its doors at 7 a.m. to the SIUC students waiting in the ticket line. They were welcomed by donuts, bagels, juice, coffee and a warmer place to wait. It was about another two and a half hours before the ticket office opened.

Freshman Eric Christensen said the cold was a small price to pay for the memory. More than anything, he wanted a great story to tell to his grandchildren.

At the time there were 10 people divided into three factions — Weberville, Warrenville and Williamsburg.

Weberville's fans pledged undying allegiance to SIU head coach Bruce Weber and boasted a population of four. Warrenville, whose citizens were in awe of Josh Warren's jump shot, was the residence of four proud citizens as well.

"He has such a pretty shot. We want to marry his shot," said Christensen, mayor of Warrenville.

"He gives people like me a chance. He gives every boy who has ever worn husky pants a chance. It gives me hope."

Williamsburg consisted of Welch and Bauch, who were proud to be the only girls present for the majority of the night. They declared Kent Williams the perfect man and named their section accordingly.

Though divided by name, the groups were united by one common sentiment — a love for the Saluki's matched only by their hatred of Creighton and Kyle Korver.

The sentiment of the group was embodied in its leader, Todd, who hates Creighton with a passion. Profanities describing the Bluejays are present on both his voicemail and cell phone.

As the night progressed, the Creighton haters' "population," which was tallied on a Papa John's pizza box, gradually rose. The box was a remnant one of the three pizzas Papa Johns donated to the frozen Saluki fans. By 2 a.m., it had 31 marks on it.

By 2:30 a.m., the group had grown to 53 fans, and they brought reinforcements to fight boredom. After finding an outlet just outside the ticket office door, a group of fans went home to fetch a few items to make the night more comfortable.

The result of the trip was a card table, a 19-inch TV, an X-Box with five games, a DVD player, a few movies, a George Foreman grill, burgers, brats, buns and a multi-outlet surge protector to allow all the devices to run at once.

The food and entertainment kept the group occupied and kept its mind off the cold until about 5 a.m. After a heated game of NBA Inside Drive and a showing "Dirty Work" starring Norm McDonald, fatigue began to set in.

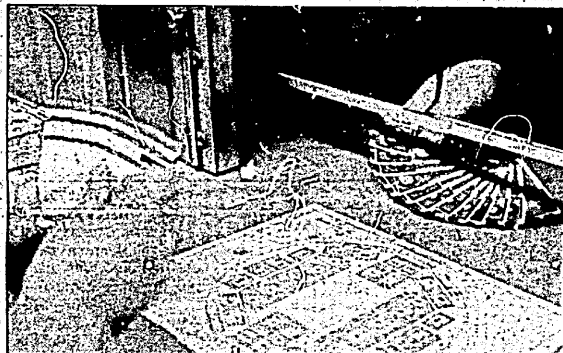
Most of the group retired to the warmth of their blankets until around 6 a.m. With an hour to go before the doors would open, those who had pitched tents collapsed them and everyone packed up their blankets and began to jockey for position at the door.

Welch, who made sure everyone knew it was her 19th birthday, was first in line.

At 7 a.m., the door opened and the group of 50-plus, followed by 50 more students who had recently arrived, saw the face of Assistant Athletic Director Jason King.

King invited the freezing masses in and led them to a table with 300 donuts and bagels, red punch and coffee, compliments of the SIU Athletic Department.

"Oh my God, they care!" Todd said as he entered the building.



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Several of the people waiting in line brought with them up to 20 student IDs from those who could not make it to wait in line.

After helping themselves to breakfast, the ticket-seekers lined up with Welch at the head of the pack. When they had taken their place in line, many began talking about the classes they were missing. Some slumped against the wall, and a few immediately went to sleep on the floor.

Two and a half hours and three television interviews later, Welch was able to step up to the ticket counter, receive her eight tickets and make a quick trip to Thompson Point before running off to her 11 a.m. math class.

It had been 13 hours.

"Thirteen hours I've been here, so it's good to finally get tickets in my hand," Welch said. "It's time to go home and finally celebrate."

Todd, who was about a dozen spots behind Welch, did not mince words about his intentions after one of the longest nights of his life.

"I'm planning on skipping all of my classes today for the occasion of sleep," Todd said.

Rob Johnson, who wound up fourth in line, expressed the same exhausted sentiments.

"I'm going to bed," Johnson said. I wish I could say I was going to Disney World, but I'm going to bed.

"It was worth it, though."

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Hardest of the hardcore fans — top 10 to arrive and wait

GeNae' Welch	undecided	freshman
Amanda Pauch	undecided	freshman
Courtney Allensworth	Engineering Technology	junior
Rob Johnson	radio/television	junior
Chris Todd	history	junior
Eric Christensen	radio/television	freshman
Alan Rogers	journalism	freshman
Kyle Burnsides	radio/television	freshman
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Big Muddy venue managers excited to house festival

Andy Horonzy
Daily Egyptian

Judging by its humble beginning of one lone location, no one would have thought the Big Muddy Film Festival would one day become the longest running in southern Illinois and house 11 different venues, but it has.

The excitement the different locations have created for film fans has spawned record attendance numbers and is not lost on those who run the venues.

Several of the managers and operators of the screening venues hosting this year's festival are just as enthused as the many filmmakers who are packing locations to see the films.

"This is a really positive event we are always eager to host and we definitely plan to continue our involvement," said Donna Wendt, manager of the Yellow Moon Cafe in Cobden. "It's a great atmosphere where people can get something to eat, have a glass of wine, and enjoy a high-quality film."

The first Big Muddy Film Festival took place exclusively in the Student Center in the spring of 1979 and played to consistently packed houses. Over the past quarter century, the vast popularity of the event has allowed it to expand to venues all over southern Illinois.

Along with the Yellow Moon, the Varsity Theatre, Student Center, Longbranch Coffee House, Melange Coffee House, Interfaith Center, Gallery HQ, Harbaugh's, Mungo Jerry's Fat Cat Cafe, Maiden Alley Cinema, and Life Science III building have already hosted or are scheduled to host screenings this weekend.

This is Harbaugh's first year as a festival location, but owner Laura Harbaugh and operator Laura Jack said they plan to make it an annual event.

"I actually went and approached the people behind the festival because I'd always enjoyed the festival in the past and really wanted to be a part of it," Harbaugh said.

Jack said that even though Harbaugh's first crowd was fairly small, it wouldn't deter them from being involved again next year.

"Our first screening was at 5 p.m. and that's kind of an awkward time to expect people to come see a movie, so I don't see it as a big deal," Jack said.

"This festival is something that is great for the area and we plan to continue to support it because it represents what we want to promote as a business."

Chris Bonk, a senior in cinema and photography and co-president of film alternatives, said that in addition to Harbaugh's, Melange Coffee House and Gallery HQ are also locations that were added this year.

"Melange and Harbaugh's both came to us and expressed interest,

which was a great compliment to us," Bonk said. "We weren't sure how well Gallery HQ would go over since it just opened, but the response and crowds have been great and a lot better than we had anticipated."

Bonk added that this year's festival is on a record-setting pace for attendance.

"Across the board our crowds have been great and it is a really exciting time for us," Bonk said.

Longbranch Coffee House General Manager Elaine Ramseyer said she has been involved with the festival since she purchased the coffee house five years ago.

"Since we've opened we've always tried to support the community arts and this is a great way to do that," Ramseyer said. "Many of our shows have been standing-room only and I wish they would do something like this more than once a year. This is something I would really like to see build."

Tom Connelley, technical director of the Student Center, had a different explanation for what has helped create a high-quality cinematic experience in his venue.

"We have great surround-sound capability and a brand-new video projector that presents a really nice image that is probably the best on campus," Connelley said.

Connelley, who has been involved with the festival for 15 years, said his most memorable experience was a screening of the 1994 film *High Lonesome: The Story of Bluegrass Music*.

"It was really an exciting event because bluegrass was the biggest growing genre of music in the 1990s," Connelley said. "The film's director, Rachel Liebman, came and spoke to

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7 p.m. — Gigantic: A Tale of Two Johns, Student Center (\$4)
9 p.m. — *Iran xtc* (To Live and Die in Hollywood), Student Center (\$4)
9 p.m. — Shorts Showcase, Yellowmoon Cafe (free)

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7 p.m. — Best of the Fest, Student Center (\$4)

the audience, which really added to the atmosphere."

Connelley added he thought it was ironic that the film was screened only a few years before the release of *O Brother Where Art Thou*, which helped garner interest in bluegrass.

Wendt, who is in her third year of involvement with the festival, said she has been really pleased with the audience feedback she has received so far.

"Even though we're only hosting short films, we always have big crowds and everyone seems to enjoy it," Wendt said. "Sometimes everyone is so focused on the movie that it's completely silent, and I think that's a sign this festival is something that really works."

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406 1/2 E. Hester
408 1/2 E. Hester
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507 W. Main #2
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602 W. Walnut

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500 W. Freeman #1
500 W. Freeman #2
500 W. Freeman #5
500 W. Freeman #6
520 S. Graham
507 1/2 S. Hays
509 1/2 S. Hays
513 S. Hays
402 1/2 E. Hester
406 1/2 E. Hester
408 1/2 E. Hester
410 E. Hester
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407 E. Mill
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511 N. Oakland
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301 N. Springer #3
301 N. Springer #4
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503 S. University #2
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404 W. Willow

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504 S. Ash #3
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514 S. Ash #3
514 S. Ash #6
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
501 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
502 S. Beveridge #2

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311 W. Cherry #1
405 W. Cherry
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405 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
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501 W. College #1
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503 W. College #1
503 W. College #3
807 W. College
305 E. Crestview
104 S. Forest
113 S. Forest
115 S. Forest
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303 S. Forest
603 S. Forest
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509 S. Hays
511 S. Hays

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508 S. Ash #1
405 S. Beveridge
409 S. Beveridge
501 S. Beveridge
502 S. Beveridge #1
505 S. Beveridge
508 S. Beveridge
405 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry
300 E. College
710 W. College
305 Crestview
104 S. Forest
113 S. Forest
120 S. Forest
511 S. Forest
603 S. Forest
500 S. Hays
503 S. Hays
509 S. Hays
513 S. Hays
402 E. Hester
406 E. Hester
408 E. Hester
212 W. Hospital
614 S. Logan
507 W. Main #4
413 W. Monroe
400 W. Oak #1
506 S. Poplar #4
507 S. Poplar (house)
404 W. Walnut
504 S. Washington
600 S. Washington

FIVE Bedrooms

405 S. Beveridge
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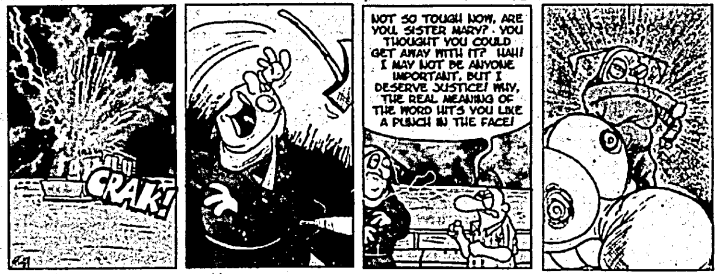
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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Feb. 28). Move up through the ranks in a big organization by planning and being creative. Others may admire your willingness to take risks, but for you it seems more like one sure thing after another. Follow your intuition to the top.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Go along with plans friends have made. You don't have to be the leader all the time. Relax, and let somebody else solve the problems.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Go along with an older person's wishes. You'll be well rewarded, and not just for being obedient. It's the right thing to do.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Travel is highly favored, and a visit with a respected elder could be your reason. The trio itself looks interesting. Take another excellent conversationalist in order to reap maximum rewards.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You're naturally shrewd and resourceful, but homework still needs to be done. Don't trust another person to make you rich. Participation is required.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're getting most of the attention now, though most of the work is over. Make sure the others get acknowledgment, too. They've earned it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Don't even try to talk. Take your phone off the hook. Focus on doing what has to be done. Schedule your next break for Sunday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - You'd like to stay home and cuddle, but there's work to be done. Figure out a compromise. Balancing is one of your best talents.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Home is the best place for you tonight, and for most of this weekend. Put the finishing touches on your decor, and catch up on the family gossip.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Some may see you as a party animal, but you can be a serious student. Prove that you're sure, tending on your own merits, by using your own brainpower and doing the homework.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - You don't need to feel guilty for something you've recently done, if you spent a lot just get back to work. There's lots more where that came from.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - A friend's revolutionary idea could set you off on a new track. The thing that's so strange is, once you go there, there's no coming back.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - The burden that you're carrying won't squash you flat like a bug. Instead, it's helping you become stronger. Keep at it. Looking good!

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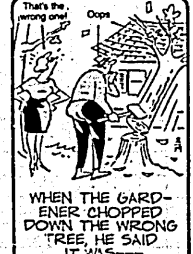
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Yesterday's Jumbles: SUITE FIORD GULLET AWIGH

Answer: What he became when he took the barbers from the gym - A WEIGHT LIFTER

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

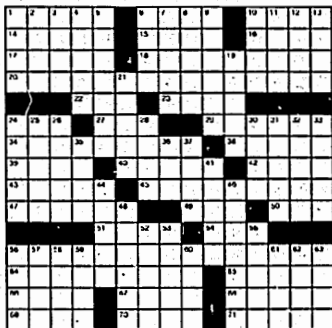
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Answer: What he became when he took the barbers from the gym - A WEIGHT LIFTER

Crossword

ACROSS
1 Droops
6 Parakeet's residence
10 Unsteady diner
14 Licorice flavoring
15 Grad
16 Own
17 Just right
18 Sought by persuasion
20 Symbols of good luck
22 Mayday!
23 The noisier one
24 Pictured
27 Purpose
29 Canadian capital
34 Extremely drunk
38 Kind of eclipse
39 Top-drawer
40 Singular performances
42 Polynesian squiggle
43 Luster
45 Dowdler
47 Colorful Indian fabric
49 Malice
50 Opposite of WSW
51 October's birthstone
54 Org. with maps
56 Prescription medicines
64 Fix-it fellas
65 Scamp
66 Miner's rocks
67 Gair of "Toolbox"
68 Dunne ul
69 Hollywood
70 Singer
71 Akin to an exec.
73 Concluded



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DOWN
1 Homeless child
2 Of India: pref.
3 In _ of
4 Romanov rulers
5 Betsy
6 Amigo's abode
7 In the air
8 Small ravine
9 Estates of "Sl. Elmo's Fire"
10 Knife in a prison riot
11 After-hours
12 Higher than
13 River paths
19 Expenses
21 Slalom turns
24 Burst of energy
25 Hello
26 Tapered off
28 Love god
30 Teller to Oz
31 Matching
32 End a nightmare?
33 Leave bed
35 Tea-leaf reader
36 Plumbing joint
37 Ting c late
41 Without wellness
44 Ruth's mother-in-law
46 Open
48 Migrant Greek city-state
52 High points

Solutions

ACROSS
1 DROOPS
6 PARAKEET
10 UNSTEADY
14 LICORICE
15 GRAD
16 OWN
17 JUST
18 SOUGHT
20 SYMBOLS
22 MAYDAY
23 THE NOISIER
24 PICTURED
27 PURPOSE
29 OTTAWA
34 DRUNK
38 ECLIPSE
39 DRAWER
40 SINGULAR
42 SQUIGGLE
43 LUSTER
45 DOWDLER
47 INDIAN
49 MALICE
50 OPPOSITE
51 OCTOBER
54 ORGANIZATION
56 PRESCRIPTION
64 FIX-IT
65 SCAMP
66 MINER
67 GARR
68 DUNNE
69 HOLLYWOOD
70 SINGER
71 AKIN
73 CONCLUDED

DOWN
1 HOMELESS
2 OF INDIA
3 IN THE
4 ROMANOV
5 BETSY
6 AMIGO
7 IN THE
8 SMALL
9 ELITES
10 KNIFE
11 AFTER
12 HIGHER
13 RIVER
19 EXPENSES
21 SLALOM
24 BURST
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30 TELLER
31 MATCHING
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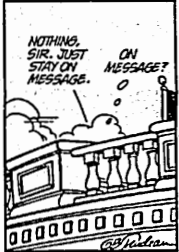
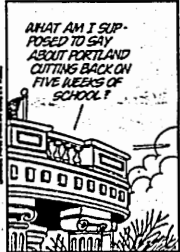
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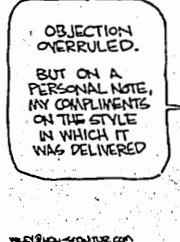


Doonesbury



by Garry Trudeau

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WUEH ME

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WUEH ME

LATE NITE MEMORIES #4



I WAS READING THE WARNINGS ON MY MEDICATION AND IT SAID THERE WAS POSSIBLE SEXUAL SIDE EFFECTS. I THOUGHT "SIDE EFFECTS THAT MAKE ME SEXUAL? HOT DAMN!" SO TOOK ALL THE PILLS AT ONCE.

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Sports play distinct role in black culture

Professor spoke on role of sports media on society

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

It was the 1998 NBA Finals between the Chicago Bulls and the Utah Jazz.

Kevin Foster was viewing the game along with millions across the globe, but what piqued his interest was not some fade-away jump shot by Michael Jordan — it was the script the sports media wrote for the underlying story.

Foster, assistant director of Black American Studies at SIU, paid close attention when he viewed a halftime segment about Jazz star Karl Malone. The national media were perpetuating Malone's appearance of the blue-collared man, one that was attuned with America's workingman. Malone was "The Mailman."

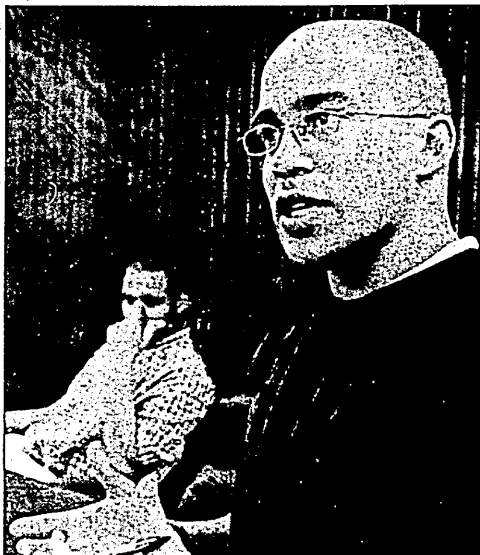
But he had a white wife and that did not fit the media's script, and the only way Foster knew she existed was the tan hand that draped across Malone's shoulders from time to time throughout the segment.

Foster addressed many aspects of media that stereotype and obstruct black American athletes to many prospective future journalists at the National Association of Black Journalists roundtable discussion Wednesday night.

At the roundtable, he said the sports media have been propagating stereotypes of non-white athletes and warned that some opinions are influenced by what is written or spoken to their audience.

To prove his point, he referred to a column written by the sports editor at the New York Times in the 1930s about the Jewish dominance in basketball.

The editor wrote, "The reason I suspect basketball appeals to the Hebrew is the game places a pre-



JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kevin Foster, an assistant professor of Black American Studies at SIU, speaks to future journalists about media and race in sports Wednesday night at the Communication Building. The lecture was sponsored by the National Association of Black Journalists.

mum on an alert, scheming mind, flashy trickiness, artful dodging and general smart-aleckness."

Foster said, "So given the media's perception of Jews dominating a sport in the 1930s, we might want to consider the possibility that one of the areas where sports, sports coverage and ideology come together is the reiteration of currently held ideas about race. Ideas about race that folks across the racial, gender and ethnic spectrum will buy into."

Foster's solution to end the cycle begins at the college level, and he suggests students seek out more of a liberal arts education.

"I think [a solution] starts at this level," Foster said. "That is to say the student journalist and the young journalist coming in with the idea of a broad curriculum. It will enable them to be more attuned to see some of things that are playing and that will help them to comment on them critically."

Foster, who was a Division I wrestler in college, said media have at times placed so much emphasis on sports, they have distorted reality for many black American youths by making them believe that sports is the only way out.

And to him, they are not.

"Sports are being taken too seriously by too many people," Foster said. "Sports are supposed to be a place for you to develop not just skills, but life skills and values to propel you to the future. That is what they do ideally."

"If you participate in a sport and you learn the norms and values, that is going to help you be successful."

Gina Ford, president of the NABJ, said Foster was a professor for one of her classes and she was greatly impacted by his message.

"He just has a deeper understanding in how the media portray black Americans in sports," said Ford, a junior in radio and television from Chicago. "As journalists, we need to broaden our horizons and seek out more knowledge — and it is very vital for our career. I thought it would be great for him to come and teach us a different perspective."

And touching one future journalist is a step in what Foster hoped to accomplish.

Reporter Zack Creglow can be reached at zcreglow@dailyegyptian.com

Paying players is an emotional issue for many

Blair Kerkhoff
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) — The value of a scholarship for a Nebraska football player who arrives from another state is \$16,092.50 a year.

If his family income falls below a certain level, he can qualify for up to \$4,000 from a federal Pell Grant.

There's also an NCAA Special Assistance Fund of up to \$500 a year for clothing and essential items.

This is not enough for football players, according to Nebraska state Sen. Ernie Chambers, whose proposal to pay players up to \$400 a month as a stipend to spend as they'd please is before the state legislature.

Now Texas is considering a similar measure. On Monday, state representative Ron Wilson of Houston introduced a bill that would allow state universities to pay \$200 a month to all scholarship athletes.

Chambers and Wilson argue colleges make millions from the players' sweat. According to a Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, Nebraska cleared nearly \$10 million and Texas more than \$16 million from football in 2001, money that's applied toward those schools' overall athletic budgets.

But players should share in the profits, the politicians say. And that goes for other sources of income, including marketing. Kansas basketball star Nick Collison sees his school cashing in on his likeness.

"I've seen basketball with mine and Kirk (Hinch's) picture on it," Collison said. "There was talk of a bobblehead doll. The TV deals, the shoe contract for the coaches. And they're not the ones wearing the shoes."

Some basketball coaches have voiced their support.

"I've coached kids whose parents are unable to send them anything other than a box of food," Colorado coach Ricardo Patton said.

But the idea isn't popular at the university administration level. Athletic directors Steve Pedersen of Nebraska and DeLoss Dodds of Texas have spoken out against the Nebraska proposal, and area officials also are down on the idea.

"I don't support it at all," Missouri athletic director Mike Alden said.

For many reasons, the athletic directors say, practical and philosophical.

"Where the dollars come from, how to fund the stipends, I'm not aware of any pool of money we haven't tapped into," Kansas State athletic director Tim Weiser said. "Another issue is if we're talking about \$100 or \$200 a month, that money's going to go a lot farther in Manhattan, Kan., than in Manhattan, N.Y."

Equitability is common to many objections. Nebraska might be able to afford paying a stipend. But could Baylor, which cleared less than \$800,000 from football in 2001?

In 2002, 117 schools played Division I-A football. Forty-one lost money on football, according to the disclosure act.

Should athletes from only the revenue-producing sports get paid, and not the track or tennis athletes?

On Wednesday, a federal advisory commission will send Education Secretary Rod Paige a 70-page report for resolving Title IX issues. Not one of them recommended paying men and not women athletes.

"My daughter's on the rowing team," Oklahoma basketball coach Kevin Sampson said. "Just because her sport doesn't make money, that doesn't mean she should be excluded."

Weiser sees another potential legal problem.

"If we become the employer and they become the employee, it opens up issues like workman's compensation, health care," Weiser said. "It becomes a totally different relationship than what we have now."

Changing the relationship, from a historical standpoint, is what most concerns the administrators. Athletes have been paid in the past — \$15 to \$25 in what the NCAA called "laundry money." The practice was dropped in the 1970s because of abuses.

Paying today's players hundreds of dollars per month ends the idea of amateurism.

Cynics point to athletes such as former Michigan basketball star Chris Webber, who is alleged to have accepted nearly \$300,000 from a school booster.

"Many people will say we're not who we say we are from an amateur standpoint," Weiser said. "But if we take the step of awarding stipends we could be nothing but a professional organization operating at the college level."

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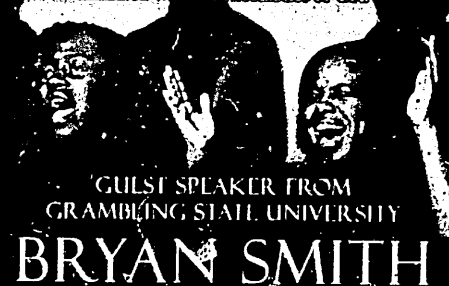
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CREIGHTON

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This is all with good reason.

Korver averages an MVC-high 18.4 points a game along with 5.9 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.6 steals.

In the first game between SIU and Creighton, Korver scored 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. The Salukis defense had kept him relatively quiet until a 38 second span when Korver hit three consecutive three-point attempts.

SIU players said they will know Korver's whereabouts at all times.

"It ain't no matter if he's doing anything or not," Williams said. "You just got to stay right with him and keep making him earn everything he gets."

Brooks, who guarded Korver for most of the last contest, said containing the Bluejays' star will all come down to staying right in his face and warring to stop him more than he wants to score.

"We got to try to not let him catch the ball," Brooks said. "If he does catch it, just make it hard on him, keep a hand in his face, contest his shots and basically just play hard and take pride in playing defense."

After Korver, only Larry House averages in double-digits with 10.4 points. One thing Creighton is blessed with, however, is plenty of solid role players.

Players such as Michael Lindeman, Brody Deren, Tyler McKinney, Mike Grimes and DeAnthony Bowden have all given the Salukis fits in recent games.

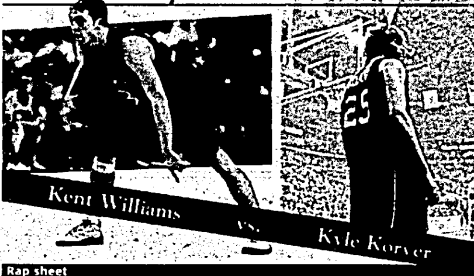
Bowden is a name most Saluki fans cannot forget because he repeatedly snuck up behind SIU's ball handlers and poked it away for turnovers during the first game.

That is something SIU specifically practiced Wednesday as the team did a drill simulating that play.

"We've been practicing getting past the press and guys sneaking behind so we're more prepared this time," Brooks said. "When we get past half court we're going to look back a few times."

The press is Creighton's trademark and it is something the Salukis were able to practice against and be successful combating last Saturday against Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The last boyscout



Rap sheet

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One of the few college athletes in Nebraska that have never been arrested on an assault charge.

Reason for success

Steely resolve.

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Divinity

God-like to people of southern Illinois.

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Choice pick-up line

"Aww shucks."

"Like my socks, baby?"

Loved by

The ladies of SIU.

Dick Vitale.

Noted for

"Supposedly" flopping on charges.

Going unconscious in second half of first game against SIU; Never saying the wrong thing; The socks; Starting the Bubonic plague.

Score: Kent 4, Kyle 2

DAVID MESEKMAA - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dearman said one of SIU's main goals is to beat the press, protect the ball and then attack Creighton where it hurts with the half-court offense.

"One of their weaknesses is the half-court defense, if they have one," Dearman said. "Once we take care of the press and beat that, I mean you're going to run 10 seconds off the shot clock, but then you've got a real good chance of getting an easy basket if you move the ball after that."

Williams and Brooks said one of the main reasons for confusion during the first game was the rowdy crowd at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

The Salukis expect to receive even more of an advantage from their fans as the game has been sold out for close to a month. Student tickets sold out in only 35 minutes early Thursday

after students camped out overnight to make sure they would not miss the first-place showdown.

Dearman said he was shocked to hear that students camped out and said that all day fellow classmates kept asking him if he had any spare tickets they could have.

He did not, because of the fact he has plenty of family coming down to witness his final home game, but said he thinks it's the start of something good for SIU basketball.

"I think that's real special," Dearman said. "It just shows the turnaround that we've made this year as far as getting our fan base and everything established."

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have num-num weapons. Four players average double figure scoring led by Katie Miller's nearly 19 points per game. The 5-foot-10 senior forward has led her team to wins in seven of its last nine games. Sophomore forward Alex Cook has also received her share of accolades, notching 14 double-doubles this year. Reigning conference player of the week Amy Swisher averaged nearly 23 points per game in the Panthers' sweep of Southwest

Missouri State and Wichita State.

Opp said that the Panthers' depth is a weakness.

"If we can make them get into their bench, that should hurt them," Opp said.

In the previous meeting between the two teams Feb. 2, SIU trailed by three at halftime before the Panthers pulled away. The game would turn out to be a prelude to SIU's first conference win, which would come in its next outing.

Opp is hoping for a large fan turnout to honor her three seniors and help her team in its attempt to reach

the conference tournament.

"It's dollar day for us, so hopefully that will encourage more people to come out," Opp said. "It's fairly cheap entertainment for a buck. Our kids always play hard. I hope that a lot of people turn out for Saturday because those three kids deserve it, and really all those kids deserve it."

"We're going to give our seniors a great sendoff, and hopefully we'll do it with a W."

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SPORTS FLASH

SIU track and field teams head to MVC Indoor Championships

The Saluki men's and women's track and field squads will compete in the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships this weekend in Normal.

The competition is scheduled to begin today at 11 a.m. with the women's 20-lbs. weight throw. The action will continue Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. with the women's triple jump and shot put heading the events.

A pre-championship coaches poll predicted the men's team to finish fourth, one spot higher than it finished last season, while the women were picked to finish in fifth place.

Northern Iowa was selected to be crowned champion at the men's meet, while Southwest Missouri State is the favorite for the women.

The men and women's squads have three athletes between them that look to defend their title from last season.

For the women, Noa Beiler won the mile last season and is currently the top seed for the same event. Latrice Gray, who won the last four indoor and outdoor championships, looks to continue her dominance in the high jump.

Jeff Young is currently tied for the MVC's fastest time in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.83.

And freshman sensation Ray Scoden has the top mark in the pole vault with a height of 17-4 3/4.

Korto Dunbar and Danielle Lawary both figure to finish

high for the women in their respective events. Dunbar, the team captain, has a time of 8.46 in the 60m dash, while Lawary has recorded a heave of 48-7 1/2 in the shot put. Both were champions at last season's outdoor meet.

SIU baseball adds two games for this weekend in Memphis

After canceling the weekend series with Blackburn College earlier this week, the SIU baseball team has added two games to the schedule for this weekend.

The Salukis will travel to Memphis, Tenn., to take on Blackburn on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and will face Northern Illinois on Sunday at 10 a.m.

SIU women's tennis scheduled to play Murray State

The SIU women's tennis team is slated to take on a powerful Murray State team today in Murray, Ky.

With a depleted squad, the Salukis are 1-4 in the young spring season after defeating David Lipscomb on Feb. 15.

SIU rescheduled its match against Tenr see Martin Saturday for March 29 at 9:30 a.m.

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"Obviously, my physical education degree doesn't qualify me for that. I'll leave that to others to decipher."
- on trying to understand the BCS system

Tyrone Willingham
football head coach, Notre Dame

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SIU, Creighton matchup to determine Missouri Valley Conference champion

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This is the game.

Saluki players and fans have waited for this battle for close to two months.

Now, it is a mere countdown of hours before the SIU men's basketball team faces No. 17 Creighton at the SIU Arena Saturday night at 8:05.

The Bluejays won the earlier meeting by nine points, setting the drama for the rematch. The Salukis led by as much as 13 points in the game before Creighton came back to steal the victory.

Despite that loss by the Salukis, they now have a shot at redemption.

The winner of this game, regardless of how they fare in their final game Monday night, will at least own a share of the regular season Missouri Valley Conference title.

"Ever since that loss our whole goal was to make them come to our place and beat us here if they want the championship," said senior guard Kent Williams. "They got to win it through us and that's what it's down to right now."

Both the Salukis and Bluejays own 14-2 league marks with Creighton having a stronger overall record at 25-3 compared to SIU's 20-5 mark. The 25 wins is a new single-season record at Creighton.

So far this year, Creighton has key wins over Notre Dame, BYU, Fresno State and, of course, SIU. The Bluejays have been ranked as high as No. 9 and have been ranked since the fifth week of the season.

Creighton's credentials make the Bluejays the strongest team the Salukis

will face this season, which means the game has NCAA implications.

All of this means the Salukis will be ready for a war.

"If you're not ready for this game you shouldn't be playing," said sophomore guard Darren Brooks. "It's the biggest game of the season. Everybody's got to come out playing aggressive, playing hard, playing like it's your last game."

Besides the MVC title and NCAA bid, the Salukis will also be looking to extend the third-longest home winning streak in the nation to 27 games.

And for Williams, Jermaine Dearman and David Carney, it will be the final time these three seniors ever play a regular season game at the SIU Arena.

"We want to make this a special night," Dearman said. "This is for the championship. We weren't in this position last year. We were close, but we only had a chance to tie. This year we've got a chance to win outright so I think this would be something special."

"This would be a real fine way to end me and Kent's careers."

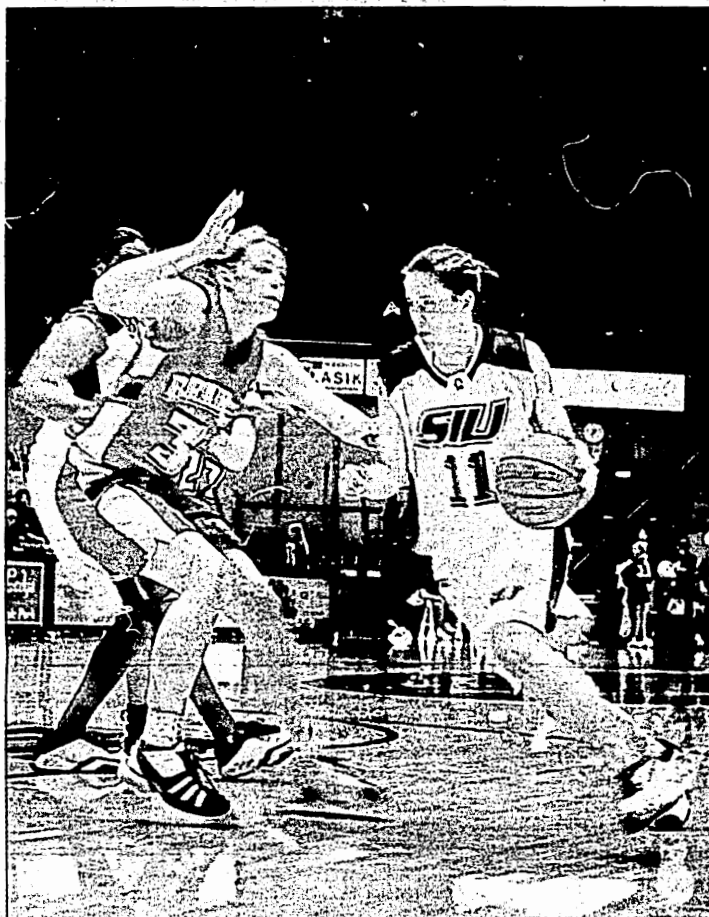
The main obstacle standing in the way of that storybook ending is a 6-foot-7, 210-pound forward with knee-high socks.

His name is Kyle Korver.

Korver, a candidate for national player of the year awards, has become the poster boy for Creighton basketball.

A program that has boasted former stars such as Paul Silas and Benoit Benjamin is now known for the sharp-shooting preacher's kid from Pella, Iowa.

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JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU senior guard Molly McDowell drives past a Bradley defender during the first half of Thursday night's contest at the SIU Arena. The Salukis fell to the Braves 83-68, dropping their record to 7-17 overall and 3-12 in the Missouri Valley Conference. With three games remaining in league play, SIU trails Evansville and Illinois State by two games in the win column for the final spot in the conference tournament.

Braves bury Salukis

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

didn't go our way. There seemed to be a lid on the basket at times."

The turnover bug bit again.

The SIU women's basketball team committed 22 turnovers in an 83-68 home loss to Bradley Thursday night at the SIU Arena, dealing a serious blow to the Salukis' conference tournament hopes.

"People didn't see what these kids are capable of tonight," said a dejected head coach Lori Opp. "But that's been our team all year. We've been real up and down."

Illinois State and Evansville, both losers Thursday night, remain two games ahead of SIU in the win column with three games to play for the Salukis.

"We still got a shot at this," Opp said. "Everybody's counting us out and that's not true."

Poor shooting also doomed the Salukis, who shot 38 percent and hit less than half of their free throw attempts.

"We got the looks that we wanted to get, honestly," Opp said. "It just

didn't go our way. There seemed to be a lid on the basket at times."

In addition to turnovers, fouls also played a big role in the Salukis' loss. Senior forward Hillary Phillips played seven first-half minutes due to her foul difficulties.

"Hillary does the intangibles. Hillary plays good solid defense," Opp said. "She does a nice job on the boards. She does a lot of the little things right and always gives good effort."

After a back-and-forth start to the game, a 17-4 Bradley spurt gave the Braves a 34-18 advantage late in the first half.

Trailing by 13 at halftime, the Salukis came out hot to open the second stanza. A Phillips three-pointer cut the Saluki deficit to 10 at 35-45, then Bradley took over.

Forward VaNicia Waterman started and finished a 14-4 run with two three-pointers, putting the Braves up by 20 points. The Salukis (7-17, 3-12 MVC) never got closer than 17 points until the final minute.

"We were a step slow," Opp said.

"We were playing too flat-footed."

SIU put four players in double figures, but it wasn't enough to counter Bradley's depth. Ashley Chellens' 17 points and Waterman's 16 paced the Braves (12-12, 8-7 MVC). Eleven Bradley players scored Thursday night.

Molly McDowell led the Salukis with 17 points, six in the second half, and nine boards. Phillips, Katie Berwanger and Danette Jones also reached double figure scoring.

Bradley point guard Rasheeda Love outplayed Saluki point guard Dana Pinkston. Pinkston had seven turnovers, while Love had only two to go along with her four steals.

"Tonight [Pinkston] didn't make some very good decisions," Opp said. "She played real frustrated."

Next up for the Salukis is a Senior Day game with Northern Iowa (14-10, 9-6) Saturday at 2:05 p.m. McDowell, Phillips and Megan Miller will play their last games at SIU Arena.

Much like Bradley, the Panthers

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SALUKI

Creighton (25-4, 14-2 MVC)

SIU (20-5, 14-2 MVC)



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The Word on the Salukis

SIU has won 10 of its 11 games since falling at Creighton earlier this season. Since that game, the Salukis have said they wanted to ensure the rematch would be for the MVC title and that is just what they have done. The Salukis will be looking to extend the nation's third longest home winning streak which now stands at 26 games. Seniors Kent Williams, Jermaine Dearman and David Carney will be honored in senior day festivities.

The Word on the Bluejays

The Bluejays are in the midst of their best season ever. They have set a school record for wins and have been in the national polls nearly the entire season. Star forward Kyle Korver is in the running for national player of the year awards as he averages 18 points, six rebounds and three assists a game. However, after Korver, just one other Creighton player is averaging double-figures for points.

The Bottom Line

The winner of this game will be the MVC regular-season champion period.

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